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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Child protection toolkit to help judges, lawyers with child placements

[Press release](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Mental health courts meet with success

"A three-year evaluation of 10 Michigan mental health courts finds that participants re-offend at significantly lower levels than comparable groups of offenders who do not participate in the mental health courts."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Mental health courts see recidivism drop, outcomes improve for mentally ill

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Bay City teacher sex case sent back to trial court

"Michigan's Appeals Court has ordered the retrial of a substitute teacher accused of having sex with three Bay City students while their high school was on summer break. The order was issued this week and also calls for reinstatement of third-degree criminal sexual conduct charges against Heidi Lewis of Midland."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Bay City teacher sex case sent back to trial court

[Full story](#)

Bay City Times: Michigan appeals court upholds charges against Bay City substitute teacher accused of having sex with students

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Mackinac Center for Public Policy sues over union fee to nonmembers

"The Mackinac Center for Public Policy's legal foundation announced it has filed a lawsuit [in Wayne County Circuit Court] charging it's illegal for the Teamsters Union Local 214 to charge a special fee to nonmembers, but not members, for representing them on formal grievances."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Legal News: Lawsuit filed over union's fee to handle grievances

[Full story](#)

Press & Guide/Dearborn: DETROIT: Four Dearborn employees sue Teamsters over alleged Right to Work law violation (VIDEO)

[Full story](#)

Battle Creek Enquirer: Loved ones of victims, killers turn out for hearing on juvenile sentencing in Michigan

"... Attorney General Bill Schuette said he's opposed to new sentencing hearings for those already in prison, and Michigan should wait until the Supreme Court rules on whether the 2012 case, Miller vs. Alabama, should be applied retroactively.... The Michigan Court of Appeals said that Miller vs. Alabama does not apply retroactively. That case is pending before the Michigan Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

**** The article is available by subscription only.**

Note: The article also ran in the Times Herald/Port Huron.

Also see:

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Hearing held in Lansing on how to rework Michigan's juvenile lifer law

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Michigan juvenile lifers: Proposed changes to state law prompt tears, anger and an act of forgiveness

[Full story](#)

Bay City Times: Bay County judge says Traverse City man 'a menace' before handing down drunken-driving prison sentence

"A Traverse City man is headed to prison after his third drunken-driving conviction in a case that began when he crashed his truck on Interstate 75 in Bay County. Bay County Circuit Judge Joseph K. Sheeran on Tuesday, Aug. 27, sentenced Daniel R. Trygg, 43, to 16 months to two years in prison on a charge of transporting a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle and 38 months to five years on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, third offense."

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: UAW takes work law to high court; Union disagrees with decision that new rules apply to state employees

"[The United Auto Workers] says it will appeal a state Court of Appeals ruling that says Michigan's right-to-work laws apply to state employees.... The state appeals court, in a 2-1 ruling Aug. 15, said state employees are covered by the contentious law passed in December."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Wayne County Probate Court to conduct 2013 attorney training (second article)

"The Wayne County Probate Court will conduct its 2013 attorney training session on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Auditorium in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 13th Floor (City Side). Two sessions will be held: Attorney Training from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1:30-3 p.m. Attendance at one or both seminars is mandatory to become eligible to receive assignments from the Wayne County Probate Court."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: New judge puts emphasis on serving community

"Community-driven. That's one way to describe the newest member to the 44th District Court bench, but it would only be the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the many facets of Oakland County 44th District Court Judge Derek Meinecke."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Packed for School

"Throughout August, the Southfield-based law firm of Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss partnered with ChildSafe, a local nonprofit foster family and adoption agency, to collect backpacks, school supplies and donations for 50 foster children."

[Full story](#)

Grand Haven Tribune: Sobriety court: Court action

"Every other week on a Wednesday, Sobriety Treatment Program participants sit in a 58th District courtroom, waiting for their name to be called."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Business Journal: Court upholds \$10M judgment for Rhoades McKee

"The state Court of Appeals upheld this month nearly all of an \$8 million jury verdict, plus interest and fees, in the case of Michael Ward, et al. v. Kevin Flynn, Renovo Services, LLC and Emerald Ventures, Inc."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Foster Care Review Board seeking volunteers

"The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the County Foster Care Review Boards. The Michigan Legislature established the Foster Care Review Board Program in 1984 in an effort to improve children's foster care programs through the state utilizing citizen review boards."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: State Bar to honor 2013 award winners

"State Bar of Michigan members will gather at the Lansing Center on Wednesday, Sept. 18, to honor the best in the legal profession.... Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award—Retired Midland County Probate Court Judge Donna T. Morris: ... Upon her appointment to the Midland probate bench in 1980, [Judge] Morris was always willing to go the extra mile for the individuals appearing in her courtroom.... Champion of Justice Award—A. Kay Stanfield Spinks: ... She was the first African American female jurist in Oakland County—she was appointed a 46th District Court magistrate in 1987 and held the position for 23 years while maintaining a private practice."

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Courts warn against scam that takes your personal information; Caller may pose as court worker, ask for social security number

"The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan has issued a warning to citizens about a resurgence of a nationwide scam, in which citizens receive a telephone call from an individual claiming to be employed by a court."

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